**Present**: Alfred Banfield, Hank Scherf, Donna Vaillancourt, Caroline Schlocker, Fred Baer, Cody Stephenson, Brandon Jones, Mark McVay, Mary Cravalho

**Staff**: Ed Kiryczn, Selina Toy Lee, Samay Chhun, Alex Ayag

**Public Comments By**: None

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Topic** | **Discussion** | **Actions/Next Steps** |
| **Meeting called to order & Pledge of Allegiance Recited** | * Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm
* Pledge of allegiance and roll call taken – 9 present
* New Full Member Oath of Office
 |  No Additional actions or steps |
| **Approval of minutes & adoption of agenda** | * Minutes from May 8, 2023, commission meeting was adopted
* March 13, 2023, Veterans Commission meeting agenda was adopted
* Proposal to adopt AB 46 and SB 726
* Minutes approved 9 Y/ 0 N
* Agenda approved 9 Y/ 0 N
 | No Additional actions or steps |
| **Public Comments** | None | No Additional actions or steps |
| **Veterans Commission Business** | **Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update** | No Additional actions or steps |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Topic** | **Discussion** | Actions/Next Steps |
| **Veterans Commission Business (Continued)** | **Ed Kiryczun, VSO Operation Update*** July Meeting has been switched to 7/17
* SAVES training and Veterans Resource Panel: Held at Redwood City Library on Tuesday May 16th at 5:30
* Veterans of the Year Event nomination links will be sent out
* Save the Date: May 29th, Memorial Day Golden Gate National Cemetery
* California Disable Veterans License Plate Program: AB 2949 grants eligible veterans of the US armed forces free tolls on California bridges and toll highways starting January 1, 2023
* To include Congressional Medal of Honor, Disable Veteran, Pearl Harbor Survivor, Ex Prisoner of War and Purple Heart designation
* DV plates requires as a result of disease or injury incurred in services; has 100% disability rating due to diagnosed disease/disorder that impairs mobility, has lost use of one or more limbs, suffered permanent blindness
 | -Samay will send updated invites for commission meeting on July 17 |
| **Veterans Commission Business (Continued)** | **Vince Cantore/Jennifer Wood (Millbrae Gateway Project Update)**- Approximately 75+units available to Veterans- Getting more units available for Veterans and their family- Veterans come apply but often they do not follow up and we don’t know why- Hoping that the commission and or VSO office can navigate how we can follow up with Veterans who is wanting to apply at Millbrae- There are some hiccups with the application process and Veterans don’t have the necessary paper or documents- Looking for ways to improve the qualifying process to get Veterans into those units- Current units occupied currently by Vets are studios and 1-bedroom apartments. 2 or more rooms are limited  |  |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Topic** | Discussion | **Action/Next Steps** |
| **Veterans Commission Business (Continued)** | **Shirley Chu BHRS** **-** Community Wellness and Crisis Response Team (CWCRT) and San Mateo Mental Health Assessment & Referral Team (SMART)- Partnership with Police Depts, SMC BHRS, Star Vista- Service Areas: Daly City, San Mateo, S. San Francisco, Redwood City. Operation hours are M-F 9-6- Scope: All ages, crises involving mental health issues regardless of insurance, legal and veteran status- Immediate goals: Stabilize crisis, connect to needed resources, positive outcomes- Long term goals: Reduce psych hospitalization, reduce criminal justice involvement, and improve crisis response- Contracted with American Medical Response to conduct crisis assessment and transport5150 evaluation and apply 5150 involuntary holds for DTS, DTO and GD | No Additional actions or steps |
| **Veterans Commission Business (Continued)** | **Donna Vaillancourt**- Proposal on Legislative Update and action to adopt resolutions requesting San Mateo County Board of Supervisor to support AB46 and AB 726- 9 Y/ 0 N- Veterans Commission Recruitment Closed. June meeting will be interviews- Sub committee meeting will be discussed in July 2023 Meeting | No Additional actions or steps |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Adjournment** | Meeting adjourns at 8:10 pm |  |